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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 8, 1888.

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Philadelphia.

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Respectfully yours,

Jas P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

Treas'y Dept.
Washington D.C.
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Director.

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